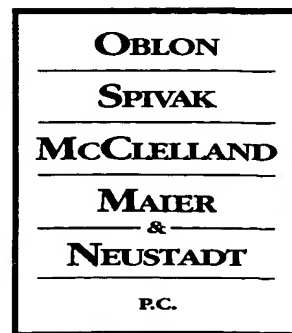




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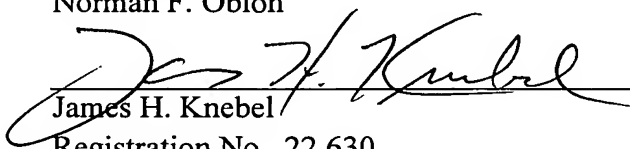
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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date on which further action will be taken on this Application. A Letter, a Copy of the Statement under 37 CFR 3.73 (b) were filed March 23, 2004 and a Copy of the Date-Stamped Filing Receipt of March 23, 2004 were filed March 7, 2006 responsive to a telephone discussion with the Examiner on March 1, 2006.

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